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Provisional agenda and programme of work

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Global standards on counter-terrorism.
3. Role of regional and subregional organizations in strengthening global counter-terrorism capacity.
4. Role of international and regional organizations on assistance.
5. Conclusions and closure of the meeting.

Programme of work

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

0830-0915: Registration

Participants are requested to arrive early to allow time for the necessary security measures

0930-1000: Introduction

1. Outline of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee by the Chairman
2. Introduction by the Secretary-General

2. Global standards on counter-terrorism

1000-1115: Session I
Global standards on counter-terrorism

Session I objectives

1. Enhancing the understanding of the current framework of binding obligations and global standards in the area of counter-terrorism faced by States;

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2. Sharing information on monitoring activity, including the Committee's review of States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

3. Establishing targets for action in 2003 and 2004.

Presentations from international organizations

1. Counter-Terrorism Committee: Mr. Maurice Biggar, CTC Expert;

2. International Monetary Fund: Mr. Barry Johnston, Division Chief, Special Financial Supervisory Issues, Monetary Exchange Rate Affairs Department;

3. International Civil Aviation Organization: Mr. John Crayston, Acting Chief, Aviation Security and Facilitation Branch;

4. International Maritime Organization: Admiral E. Mitropoulos, Deputy Secretary-General and Director of Maritime Safety Division;

5. World Customs Organization: Mr. Jouko Lempiainen, Director of Compliance and Facilitation.

Suggested topics for discussion

1. *What experiences do international organizations have of developing standards?*

2. *What experiences do organizations have of promoting international standards among their members?*

3. *What problems do States face in meeting standards? What would most help them improve their performance?*

4. *What action do organizations take with members who are not complying with international standards? Do organizations make a division between standards which are legally binding and those which are not?*

5. *Are there areas in which international organizations believe further work is required on the development of standards within their purview?*

6. *How can the Counter-Terrorism Committee support international organizations in the development, promotion and monitoring of international standards? How can contact be improved among international organizations and with the Committee in this area? Is there scope for reducing duplication between the Committee and international organizations?*

1115-1130: Break

3. Role of regional and subregional organizations in strengthening global counter-terrorism capacity

1130-1300: Session II
Role of regional and subregional organizations in strengthening global counter-terrorism capacity

Session II objectives

Clarifying the potential role of regional and subregional organizations and their interaction with international organizations (the standard setters) and States (the entities responsible for implementing standards).

Presentations

1. Organization of American States: María Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador and Chair of the Inter-American Committee on Counter-Terrorism;

2. Ambassador Curtis Ward, Counter-Terrorism Committee Technical Assistance and Liaison Expert.

Suggested topics for discussion

1. *What role can regional and subregional organizations play in encouraging their member States to meet (a) international standards (for example, those set by the Security Council or the International Maritime Organization) and (b) standards set at the regional level?*

2. *What role can regional and subregional organizations play in promoting practical regional cooperation on counter-terrorism (that is, on borders, customs, early warning, exchange of information or judicial assistance)?*

3. *In that context, discussion of experiences and lessons learned so far.*

4. *What are the advantages in promoting discussion of counter-terrorism on a regional level? (Regional and subregional organizations might wish to comment on the following: all States have a strong interest in seeing that their neighbours have in place the platform prescribed by resolution 1373 (2001) for countering active or passive support for terrorism. Lack of compliance by any State in a region subverts the efforts of all other countries in that region. States have been working together in practical ways to improve regional capacity against terrorism. Each country recognizes that it is not safe from terrorism if its neighbour is not.)*

5. *What structures are needed in regional and subregional organizations to promote an effective, practical discussion of counter-terrorism issues?*

6. *How can the Counter-Terrorism Committee and international organizations support the activities of regional and subregional organizations in this area?*

1300-1400: Luncheon hosted by the Chairman of the Committee

Buffet lunch in private dining rooms 5 to 8 (4th floor, United Nations building).

4. Role of international and regional organizations on assistance

1430-1630: Session III
Role of international and regional organizations on assistance

Session III objectives

1. Explaining how the Counter-Terrorism Committee is trying to facilitate the provision of assistance, including by preparing a matrix of global requests which reflects the assistance needs identified through the Committee's implementation monitoring process;

2. Exploring a potential role for regional and subregional organizations in coordinating the assistance needs of their members, and facilitating the delivery of assistance;

3. Encouraging the establishment of a dedicated counter-terrorism office/unit in regional and subregional organizations.

Presentations

1. World Bank: Ms. Margery Waxman, Director, Financial Market Integrity;

2. European Commission: Mr. Fernando Valenzeula, Deputy Director-General, External Relations;

3. Ambassador Curtis Ward, Counter-Terrorism Committee Technical Assistance and Liaison Expert.

Suggested topics for discussion

1. *What are the gaps in the provision of counter-terrorism assistance in areas covered by resolution 1373 (2001) (Stage A, Stage B and Stage C)?*

2. *How can the flow of information on States' assistance needs be improved?*

3. *How can the flow of information on assistance programmes being delivered to States be improved?*

4. *Mechanisms for coordination of assistance.*

5. *How should priorities for the delivery of assistance be set and shared?*

6. *How to increase awareness of guidance, self-help packages and lessons learned on counter-terrorism. Increasing awareness and use of the Counter-Terrorism Committee's centralized "Directory of counter-terrorism information and sources of assistance".*

7. *Potential role of regional and subregional organizations in*

(a) Coordinating needs for assistance across a region;

(b) Facilitating the delivery of assistance programmes on a regionwide basis;

(c) Facilitating interregional sharing of expertise and best practices.

8. *Inclusion of bilateral assistance providers in networks.*

9. *How can the Counter-Terrorism Committee further facilitate the provision of assistance?*

5. Conclusions and closure of the meeting

1645-1730: Conclusions and wrap-up

Session objectives

1. Establishing targets for 2003 and 2004;

2. Agreeing on future action to achieve targets;

3. Improving institutional links between the Counter-Terrorism Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations, and among such organizations;

4. Discussing and agreeing on an outcome communiqué.